

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Delmarva Power Grace Street Substation Inventory Number: T-1109

Address: West end of Grace Street

Owner: John K. Montgomery (building); Delmarva Power and Light Company (transmitters)

Tax Parcel Number: JKM = 1856; Delmarva = 1857 Tax Map Number: 201

Project: St. Michaels Parkway Agency: SHA

Site visit by John Milner Associates, Inc. Staff: ☐ no ☒ yes Name Rachel Mancini
Date July 28, 1998

Eligibility recommended ☐

Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district _____

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: (provide name of Report) Cultural Resources Investigation: MD 33
St. Michaels Bypass, Talbot County, Maryland.

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This building is a large, two-story, brick masonry structure, constructed in the 1930s or 1940s. It is located at the western end of Grace Street, west of San Domingo Creek. Originally constructed as an electric power plant, the building no longer serves this purpose. However, adjacent to the building is a large transformers substation enclosed within a chain link fence. This high voltage area is still used by Delmarva Power. The building is no longer the property of the power company, but owned by John Montgomery and used by small businesses (Moffet Woodworking, Tote-a-boat).

The building is rectangular in plan and has a one-story brick wing appended to the east elevation. The exterior of the building is characterized by successive bays, separated by wide pilasters. The western-most bay of the facade is slightly larger than the others. Large multi-pane metal windows are located on the second floor of the other bays. These two-story metal windows are also located on the west and north elevations. The main entrance is located in the second bay and is flanked by nine-pane sidelights and a twelve-pane overhead transom. On either side of the entrance are single six-over-six, double-hung windows.

The brick used in construction of the wing is a different color than that of the main block. The front elevation of the wing contains a large garage door accessed by a ramp. Large two-story multi-pane metal windows are located on the east and north elevations. A concrete block addition and a frame addition have been added to the north (rear) elevation, and portions of the windows have been covered over.

The entire building is brick masonry and has a thin cornice of concrete that accents the roof line. Both the main building and wing have flat roofs.

The 1927 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of St. Michaels shows a small building belonging to the Eastern Shore Power and Electric Co. located in this vicinity. The existing building may have been constructed to replace this smaller predecessor.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

CONTINUATION SHEET

T-1109
Delmarva Power Grace Street Substation
Talbot County, Maryland

The Delmarva Power Substation is an example of Industrial Style architecture dating from the Modern period (1930-present). It no longer retains its original form due to the construction of the addition and poor condition. Constructed to replace an earlier facility, it does not appear to be significant for its contributions to the development of the town. The building is no longer owned by Delmarva Power and is in a neglected state. The Delmarva Power Grace Street Substation is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Place.

Prepared by: Rachel Mancini

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW			
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Criteria: <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u>	Considerations: <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u> <u>E</u> <u>F</u> <u>G</u> <u>None</u>		
Comments: <u>Provenance of NR-eligible property</u> <u>limited to footprint of building per JPL</u>			
<u>[Signature]</u>		<u>4/10/99</u>	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services		Date	
<u>[Signature]</u>		<u>8/14/00</u>	
Reviewer, NR program		Date	

[Signature]

Capsule Summary

Survey No.: T-1109

Name: Delmarva Power, Grace Street Substation

Construction Date: early-mid twentieth century

Town/Vicinity: St. Michaels

County: Talbot

Access: Private

Summary Description:

This building is a large, two-story, brick masonry structure located at the end of Grace Street. Originally constructed during the 1930s or 1940s as an electric power plant, the building no longer serves this function. However, adjacent to the building is a large transformer substation enclosed within a chain link fence. This high voltage area is still used by Delmarva Power. The building adjacent to the substation is no longer owned by Delmarva Power, but by John Montgomery and occupied by small businesses. The building is rectangular in plan and has a one-story, brick wing appended to the east elevation. The main entrance is located in the second bay of the main building and is flanked by nine-pane sidelights and a twelve-pane overhead transom. Two small shed roof additions have been added to the north elevation.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-1109

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Delmarva Power - Grace Street Substation

2. Location

street & number Grace Street

☐ not for publication

city, town St. Michaels

☐ vicinity of

congressional district First

state MD

county Talbot

3. Classification

Category

☐ district

☒ building(s)

☐ structure

☐ site

☐ object

Ownership

☐ public

☒ private

☐ both

Public Acquisition

☐ in process

☐ being considered

☒ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied

☐ unoccupied

☐ work in progress

Accessible

☐ yes: restricted

☒ yes: unrestricted

☐ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture

☐ commercial

☐ educational

☐ entertainment

☐ government

☒ industrial

☐ military

☐ museum

☐ park

☐ private residence

☐ religious

☐ scientific

☐ transportation

☒ other:
Electrical power

4. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John K. Montgomery (P.1857) and Delmarva Power and Light Co. of Maryland (P. 1857)

street & number (Delmarva) c/o Tax Acct. 800 King St. P.O. Box 231 telephone no.:

city, town Wilmington

state and zip code DE 19899-0231

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse (Delmarva) liber 225

street & number Washington Street folio 142

city, town Easton

state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing

Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. T-1109

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

This building is a large, two-story, brick masonry structure, constructed in the 1930s or 1940s. It is located at the western end of Grace Street, northwest of San Domingo Creek. Originally constructed as an electric power plant, the building no longer serves this purpose. However, adjacent to the building is a large transformer-substation enclosed within a chain link fence. This high voltage area is still used by Delmarva Power. The building is no longer the property of the power company, but owned by John Montgomery and occupied by small businesses (Moffet Woodworking and Tote-a-boat).

The building is rectangular in plan and has a one-story brick wing appended to the east elevation. The exterior of the building is characterized by successive bays, separated by wide pilasters. The western-most bay of the facade is slightly larger than the others. Large multi-pane metal windows are located on the second floor of the other bays. These two-story metal windows are also located on the west and north elevations. The main entrance is located in the second bay and is flanked by nine-pane sidelights and a twelve-pane overhead transom. On either side of the entrance are single six-over-six, double-hung windows.

The brick used in construction of the wing is a different color than that of the main block. The front elevation of the wing contains a large garage door accessed by a ramp. Large two-story multi-pane metal windows are located on the east and north elevations. A concrete block addition and a frame addition have been added to the north (rear) elevation, and portions of the windows have been covered over.

The entire building is brick masonry and has a thin cornice of concrete that accents the roof line. Both the main building and wing have flat roofs.

The 1927 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of St. Michaels shows a small building belonging to the Eastern Shore Power and Electric Co. located in this vicinity. The existing building may have been constructed to replace this smaller predecessor. No later maps were obtained to review the development of the property.

8. Significance

Survey No. T-1109

Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____ unknown _____

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Delmarva Power Substation is an example of Industrial Style architecture dating from the Modern period (1930-present). It no longer retains its original form due to the construction of an addition and its poor condition. Constructed to replace an earlier facility, it does not appear to be significant for its contributions to the development of the town. The building is no longer owned by Delmarva Power and is in a neglected state. The Delmarva Power Grace Street Substation is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Place under Criteria A or C.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended ☒ X

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, NR program

Date

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Survey No. T-1109

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 7,200 square feet

Quadrangle name St. Michaels, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting				Northing				

B

Zone	Easting				Northing				

C

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

D

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

E

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

F

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

G

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

H

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Verbal boundary description and justification
see attached description

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Rachel Mancini

organization John Milner Associates, Inc.

date July 28, 1998

street & number 5250 Cherokee Avenue, Suite 410

telephone 703-354-9737

city or town Alexandria

state VA

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to:

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032
(301-514-7600)

C o n t i n u a t i o n S h e e t

Survey No.: T-1109
Name: Delmarva Power
Grace Street Substation
County: Talbot

10. Geographical Data

Verbal boundary description and justification

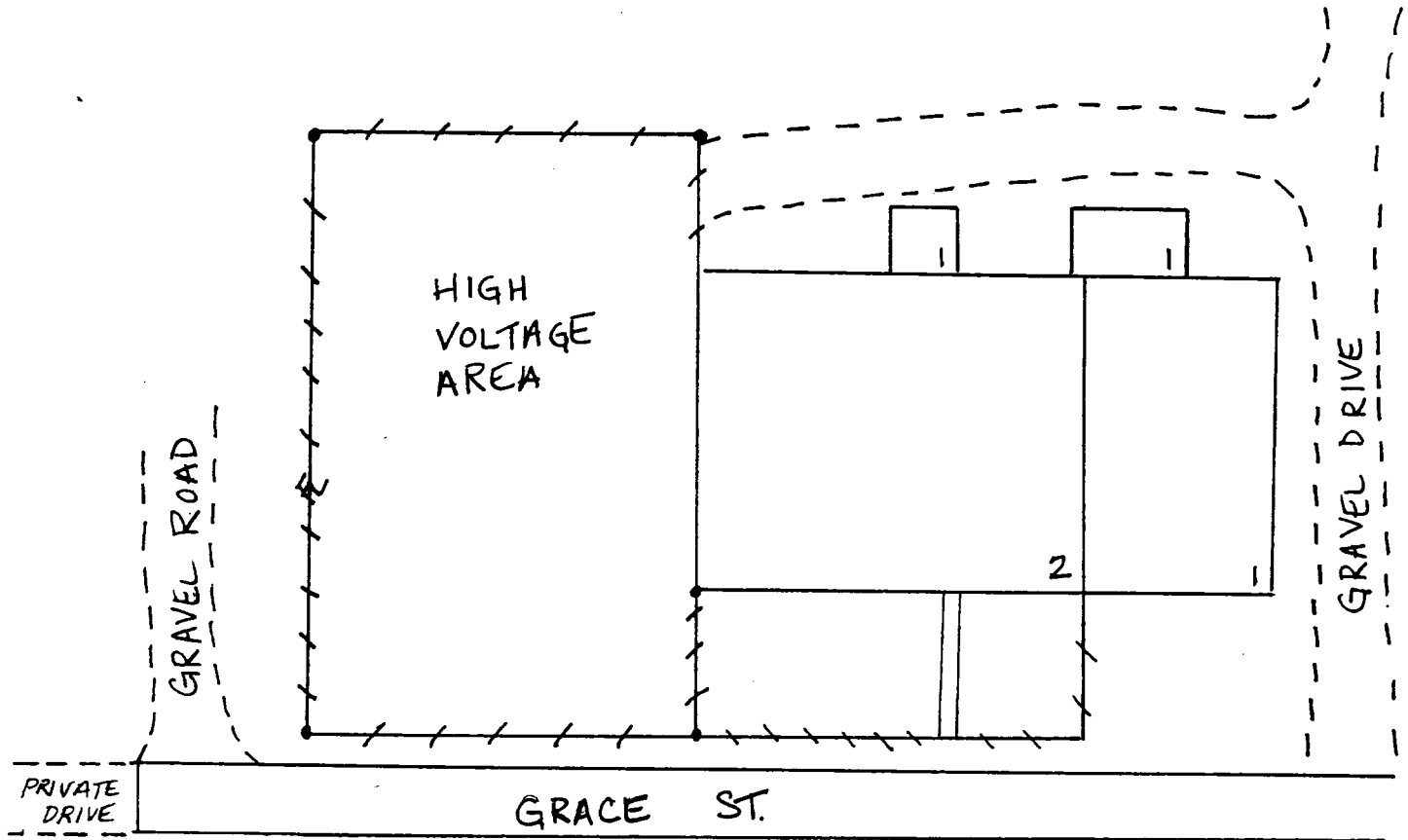
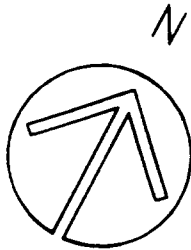
The parcel of land originally owned by Delmarva Power and Light Company and used for their Grace Street Substation had been subdivided. The brick masonry building adjacent to the fenced substation is no longer owned by Delmarva, but by John K. Montgomery. Therefore the boundary justification includes only the footprint of the building and adjoining substation and not the entire tax parcels owned by Delmarva and Mr. Montgomery.

T-1109

Delmarva Power, Grace St. Substation

SKETCH MAP - NOT TO SCALE

drawn by: Rachel Mancini
John Milner Associates, Inc.
August, 1998



Continuation Sheet

Survey No.: T-1109
Name: Delmarva Power
Grace Street Substation
County: Talbot

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Development Period(s): Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION: energy facility

Known Design Source: none



T-1109
Delmarva Power, Grace St. Substation
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle 7.5'



PROTECTOR (No. 14A) 813
783 8544 N N N-I B1 2 (048)

T-1109

Delmarva Substation

Grace St.

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

Rachel Mancini

July 31, 1998

neg's - MD SHPO

Main building, South elevation

1 of 5



PROTEC8798<No.10A>009
783 0684 N N N N 16 2<040>

T-1109

Delmarva Substation

Grace St.

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

Rachel Mancini

July 31, 1998

neg's → MD SHPO

Closeup of main entrance
on Grace St - South elevation

2 of 5



T-1109

Delmarva Substation

Grace St.

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

Rachel Mancini

July 31, 1998

rec'd - MD SHPO

Main Building, East elevation

3 of 5

PROTECS-98 (No. 134) 812
783 0644 H N N J 19 2 (040)



PROTECS-98<No.124>011
783 0644 N N N-1 05 200407

T-1109

Delmarva Substation

Grace St.

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

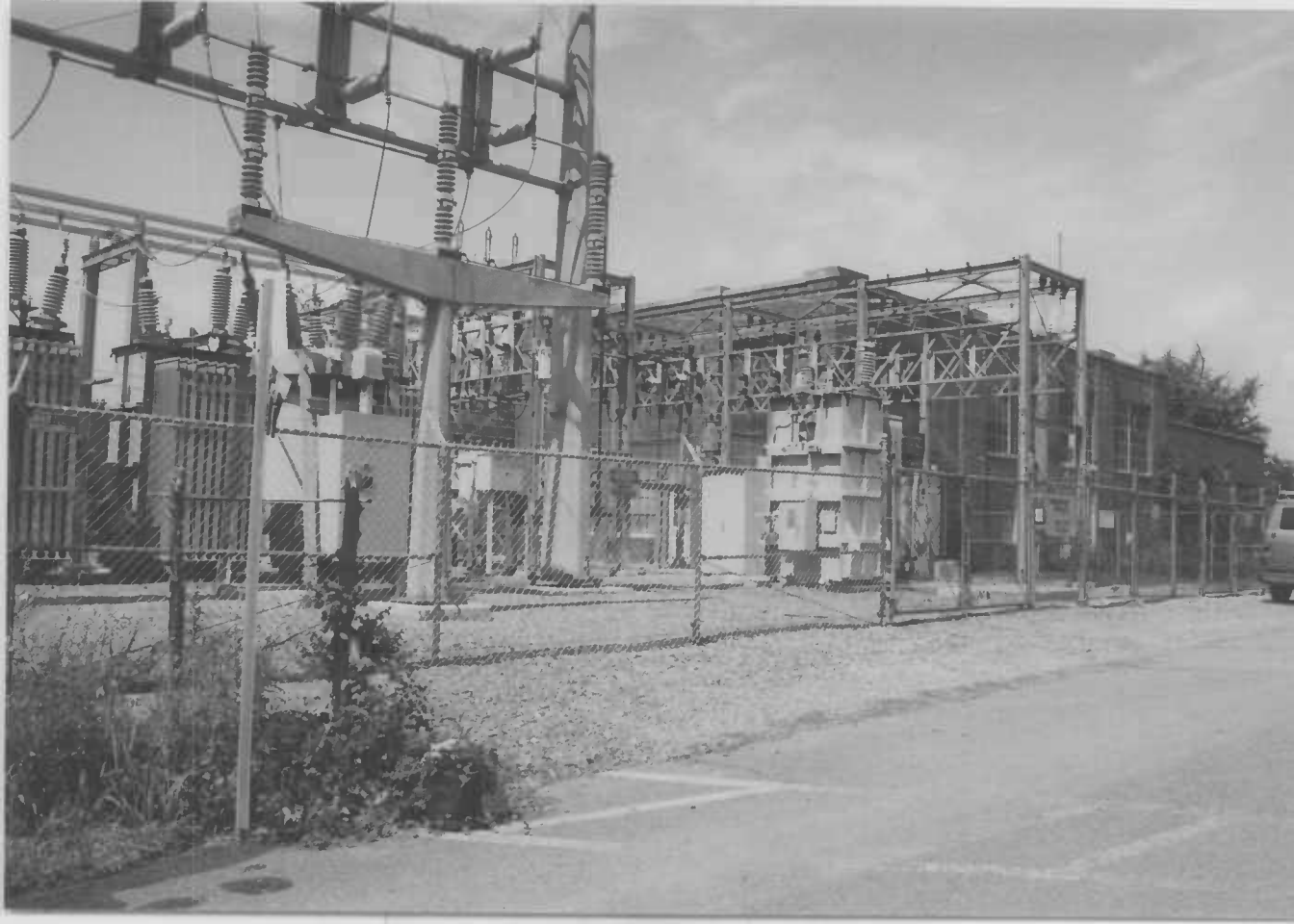
Rachel Mancini

July 31, 1998

neg's → MD SHPO

Main building, North elevation

4 of 5



PROT08/98 (No. 114) 010
783 8541 N N H-1 83 20848)

T-1109

Delmarva Substation

Grace St

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

Rachel Mancini

July 31, 1998

neg's → MD SHPO

High voltage area with
west elevation in background

6 of 6